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FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE. I HAD MADE MY OBSERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO OPTIMISM ON A SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS OF BOTH THE FRENCH AND GERMAN EXPECTATIONS THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT INTERIM BERLIN ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT SACRIFICE OF PRINCIPLES. I AM CERTAIN THE FRENCH FEEL STRONGLY, AS YOU AND I DO, THAT NO RPT NO AGREEMENT ON A SUMMIT SHOULD BE REACHED UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

IN CONNECTION WITH OUR OWN NEGOTIATING POSITION, I HAVE SENT A LONG WIRE TO DOUG DILLON IN ORDER TO CLARIFY WHAT SEEMED TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING THAT WE MIGHT DO SOMETHING WHICH WOULD SACRIFICE OUR POSITION OR PREJUDICE OUR RIGHTS IN BERLIN. I THINK THIS AROSE FROM THE FACT THAT THE MEMORANDUM I DISCUSSED WITH YOU WAS NOT RPT NOT WIDELY CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OR TO DEFENSE, AND A WORKING PAPER NOT RPT NOT APPROVED BY ME WAS SENT TO DEFENSE FOR COMMENT. I HOPE TO GET CLARIFICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WITH REGARD TO BOHLEN, I AM TERRIBLY SORRY OUR WIRES SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN CROSSED, BUT FEEL NO RPT NO HARM HAS BEEN DONE. WHAT I SAID IN MY PRESS CONFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO MAKING BOHLEN'S SERVICES STILL AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT AFTER HIS PHILIPPINE TOUR WAS COMPLETED WAS, I THOUGHT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONVERSATION. TO THE BEST OF MY

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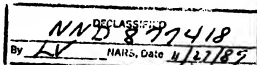
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RECOLLECTION, I HAD THOUGHT I HAD EXPLAINED TO YOU BOHLEN'S FINANCIAL SITUATION WHICH WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO HIS RETIREMENT WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE COMPLETED AND THAT THE ONLY CHANCE OF HOLDING HIM WOULD BE SOME ADVISORY JOB ON RUSSIAN AFFAIRS. THIS HE HAD INTIMATED TO ME SOME MONTHS AGO, AND ALSO TOLD DILLON WHEN THE LATTER WAS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN MAY. HOWEVER, THE MATTER STANDS AS YOU INDICATED AND NOTHING WILL BE DONE UNTIL MY RETURN. I HAD GIVEN BRYCE HARLOW THE COMPLETE STORY AND WAS PERHAPS UNDER THE ILLUSION I HAD SPOKEN TO YOU MORE COMPLETELY THAN I HAD. I AM TERRIBLY SORRY IF THIS EMBARRASSED YOU.

THERE IS NOTHING NEW HERE EXCEPT THAT GROMYKO IS INVITING EACH OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS SEPARATELY FOR MEALS AT HIS HOUSE WHICH MAY PROVE THE PRELUDE TO RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE MEETINGS.

FAITHFULLY, SIGNED:CHRIS

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